Health Risk Assessment San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad San Diego Yard Impact to Ballpark Village Project

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Introduction

The purpose of this health risk assessment is to determine the impact of locomotive operations at the San Diego & Imperial Valley (SDIV) San Diego Yard upon the Ballpark Village residential project. This development could include over 1000 units which would be immediately adjacent to the freight yard. Of most concern is the impact of diesel particulate matter (diesel PM) upon the residents. This health risk assessment will determine the estimated impact of these operations on those residents.

The methodology used in this assessment is still new. Diesel PM was recognized as a toxic only recently (1998). The primary goal of this analysis is to determine if the colocation of the yard and the residential project pose any significant risks that could require further detailed analysis.

All evaluations were done using the Hotspots Analysis Reporting Program (HARP) software which is available in the public domain. This assessment was conducted using the guidelines provided by the California Office of Environmental Health hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for the Air Toxics Hot Spots Program, and the guidelines developed by the San Diego Air Pollution Control District for air toxics "hot spots".

Diesel Emissions and Rail Yards

The following are strategies from the CARB Air Quality and Land Use Handbook in regard to rail yards:

For facilities like rail yards and ports, the potential impact area is so large that the real solution is to substantially reduce facility emissions. However, land use planners can avoid encroaching upon existing rail facilities and those scheduled for expansion. We also recommend that while air agencies tackle this problem, land use planners try not to add new sensitive individuals into the highest exposure areas. Finally, we recommend that land use agencies consider the potential health impacts of rail yards in their planning and permitting processes. Additional limitations and mitigation may be feasible to further reduce exposure on a site-specific basis.

The specific recommendations are as follows:

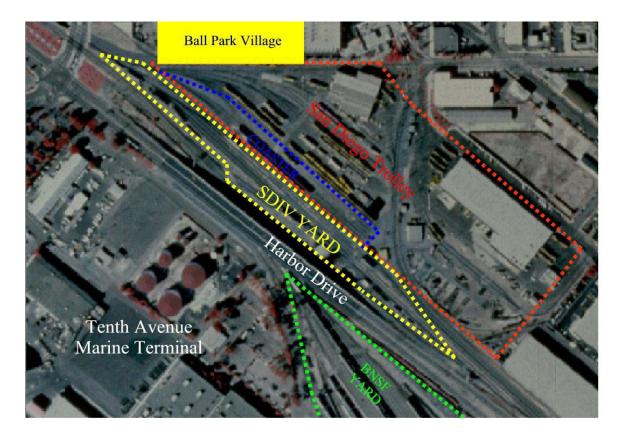
Avoid siting new sensitive land uses within 1,000 feet of a major service and maintenance rail yard.

Within one mile of a rail yard, consider possible siting limitations and mitigation approaches.

This recommendation has validity for major rail yards. But due to the limited time of operations (6 hours maximum per day) and the small number of locomotives operating in the SDIV San Diego yard (three maximum), this may not apply. By comparing the emissions thresholds set by CARB to the existing emissions produced by these locomotives, there is a possibility that the existing switching operations may be permissible. There is no associated intermodal yard at this facility which further reduces the emissions footprint.

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Rail Facilities



There are three "heavy rail" facilities and one light rail facility located in the immediate area. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) San Diego yard is located south of the Ball Park Village site across Harbor Drive.

The San Diego Trolley has maintenance facilities located directly southeast of the Ball Park Village site. All of the trolley vehicles are elective. The North County Transit District (NTCD) stores three of its diesel powered COASTER train sets at the south west end of this facility.

The San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad operates a yard to the southeast of the Trolley maintenance facility.

Operations

SDIV conducts joint operations with the San Diego Trolley on the Blue Line (south Line) and the Orange Line (east line). Because the Federal Railroad Administration prohibits heavy freight locomotives and light rail vehicle from operating on the same track at the same time, temporal separation is required. As a result, SDIV can only operate on these tracks between approximately 1:30 AM and 4:00 AM. This makes this requirement makes this operation an overnight railroad, with the associated late night noise and emissions.

Through Trains

SDIV operates a round trip 5 days per week between the San Diego yard and San Ysidro yard. The trains operate within a limited window on the Trolley Blue Line between 1:00 AM and 4:05 AM. These trains average 33 cars in length, for a total of 2270 ft. SDIV also operates two round trips per week to El Cajon. These trains average 5 cars in length.

Switching

SDIV switches the San Diego yard and BNSF interchange by running as far north as 5th St. The San Diego crew begins operations in the yard at approximately 9:00 PM. The crew will take carloads from the BNSF yard and move them to the San Diego yard. The southbound train will be made up at his yard. These switching operations can take up to 3 hours. When the southbound train is complete, it will move south to San Ysidro after the Trolley operations are discontinued.

At approximately 4:00 AM, the northbound train arrives at the San Diego yard. This crew moves the cars it has to the BNSF San Diego yard. This operation can take up to 90 minutes, or until 5:30 AM.

The twice weekly train for El Cajon is also assembled at the San Diego yard. This train will depart as soon as the Trolley operations discontinue. The returning train will deliver its cars to the yard at around 4:00 AM

Emissions Inventory

A detailed assessment was conducted to determine locomotive operations in the SDIV San Diego yard.

Two sources were used to determine the emissions inventories. They were EPA reference documents *Procedures for Emission Inventory Preparation; Volume IV: Mobile Sources, EPA420-R-92-009,* and *Technical Highlights; Emission Factors for Locomotives, EPA420-F-97-051*

Total locomotive operating hours per year were determined to be approximately 2300. A 10.43 gallon per hour fuel consumption rate was used based upon the GP 38 locomotive switch cycle operating characteristics, and fuel consumption data for each throttle setting.

The following information and tables calculate the emissions associated with locomotive operations and the SDIV San Diego Yard.

Annual Locomotive Hours per Year in San Diego Yard:

South Bound Train

3.5 switching hours per night 5 nights per week

2 locomotives per train

35 locomotive hours per week

1820 locomotive hours per year

North Bound Train

1 switching hour per night 5 nights per week

2 locomotives per train

10 locomotive hours per week

520 locomotive hours per year

El Cajon Train

1 switching hours per night 2 nights per week

1 Locomotive per train

2 locomotive hours per week

104 locomotive hours per year

2444 Locomotive Hours

Less 150 Hours per year for Holidays and Ball Park events

2300 Total Annual Locomotive Hours

The detailed operational data were used to establish an annual emissions level. The GP-38 is the standard locomotive used on the SDIV. The operational characteristics in terms of emissions were used to establish emissions criteria and further dispersion data. The detailed information for this locomotive was provided in the CARB Roseville yard study.

Unlike fixed industrial power sources which have constant parameters, locomotives have different discreet power settings. To accommodate his factor, each locomotive power setting was evaluated separately. Each locomotive setting was used to establish a 'stack" wit unique characteristics to evaluate the overall impact of diesel PM in the area of the SDIV San Diego Yard, and specifically to Ballpark Village.

Using EPA studies, table established the emissions per gallon for a GP-38 locomotive

Locomotive Emission Factors: Ibs. per gallon

	СО	VOC	NOx	PM10
Description	(lbs./gal)	(lbs./gal)	(lbs./gal)	(lbs./gal)
GP-38 Switch Duty Cycle	0.0707	0.0308	0.5243	0.0136

Further evaluations were conducted using the date which established the amount of time a GP-38 locomotive in switch service was operated at each throttle notch setting. This information was then used to establish the emissions produced at each throttle notch setting, and the total emissions produced.

GP 38 Switch Duty Cycle									
Throttle Setting (Notch)	Idle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
% Time in Notch	77%	7%	7%	4%	2%	1%	0.5%	0.5%	1%
Fuel Consumption per Hour at Notch									
(gal)	5	7	16	31	47	64	83	103	122
Fuel Fraction at Notch (gal.)	3.85	0.49	1.12	1.24	0.94	0.64	0.42	0.52	1.22
Lbs PM/hr	0.052	0.007	0.015	0.017	0.013	0.009	0.006	0.007	0.017
Lbs PM/yr	120.43	15.33	35.03	38.79	29.40	20.02	12.98	16.11	38.16
Total PM lbs/yr	326.25							•	

Each throttle setting was evaluated as an individual 'stack". This was due to the different exhaust temperatures and flow rates an each throttle notch.

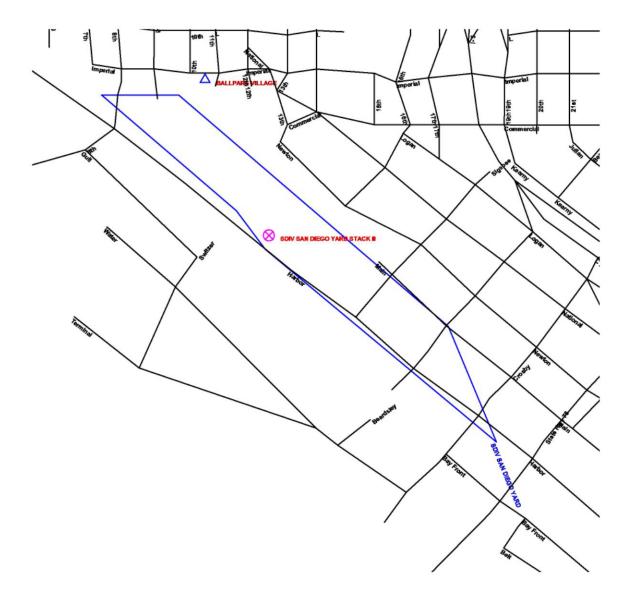
Dispersion Analysis

The tables below show the ground level concentrations (GLC) of diesel particulate matter in micrograms per cubic meter. The levels were evaluated for both the background concentrations, and the additional emissions from the SDIV San Diego Yard.

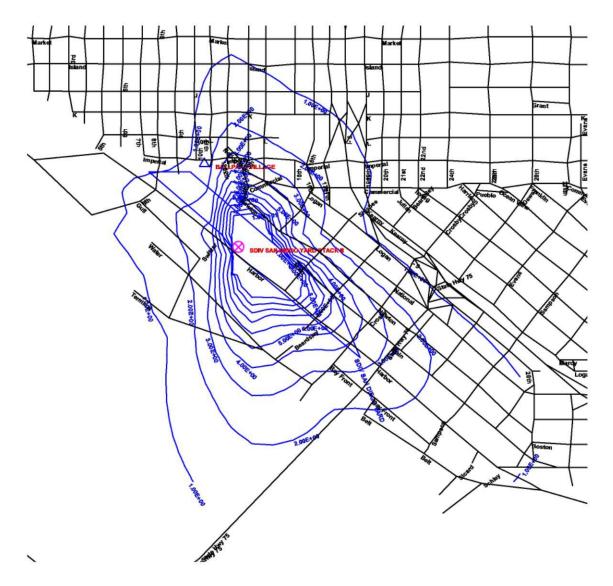
Ground Level Concentrations						
Diesel Particulate Matter from SDIV SD Yard						
Ball Park Village Site						
	CAS 9901					
	ug/m^3					
1 hr	2.78E+00					
4 hr	8.70E-01					
6 hr	6.28E-01					
7 hr	5.64E-01					
30 day	6.81E-03					
Avg.	3.62E-03					

Ground Level Concentrations					
Diesel Particulate Matter from All Sources					
Ball Park Village Site					
	CAS 9901				
	ug/m^3				
1 hr	1.38E+01				
4 hr	1.19E+01				
6 hr	1.16E+01				
7 hr	1.16E+01				
30 day	1.10E+01				
Avg.	1.10E+01				

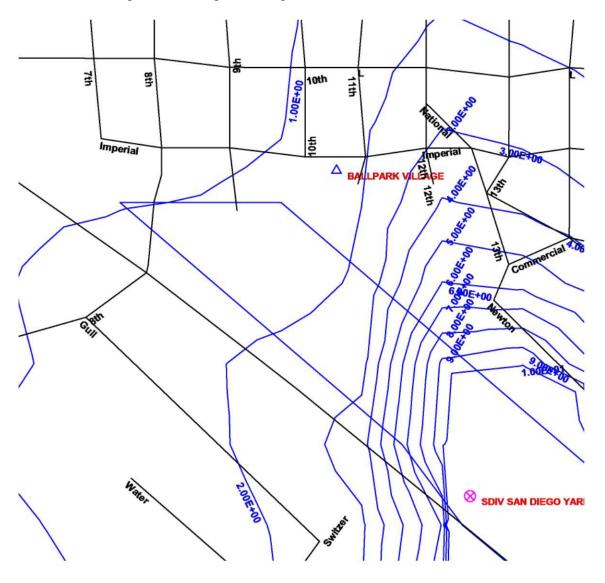
The area evaluated for dispersion analysis was the area of San Diego immediately adjacent to the SDIV San Diego Yard. The scope of the analysis area is shown below.



Cancer risk in terms of cases per million related to emissions from the yard are shown by the isopeths in the diagram below:



The detailed isopeths for Ballpark Village are shown below.



Risk Analysis

The table below identifies the additional cancer cases per 1 million based upon the simulations run using the HARP software.

While an independent analysis of the impact of the freight rail yard was conducted, those results were also compared to the background concentration of diesel PM in downtown San Diego. The background level of diesel PM used for this assessment was 1.0 ug/m3.

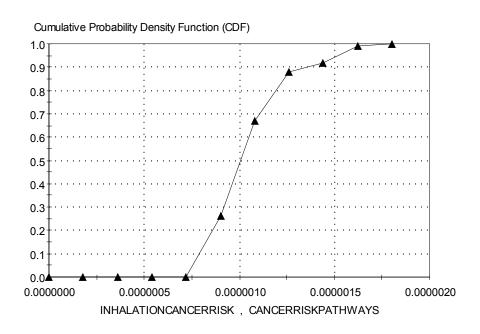
	SDIV Yard	All Sources		
70 yr	1.5	416		
30 yr	0.6	178		
9 yr	0.2	54		

The table above shows that the impact of the SDIV San Diego Yard to Ballpark Village in terms of the diesel PM cancer risk is insignificant in terms of the already present diesel PM levels.

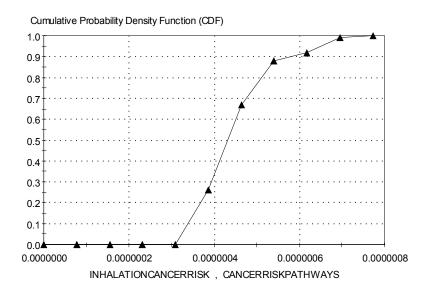
Cancer Risk Assessment

The following three tables below shows the cancer risk in cases per million for Ballpark Village from the SDIV San Diego Yard. The 70 year evaluation is the standard, but this analysis was conducted using the 70 year, 30 year, and 9 year adult calculations.

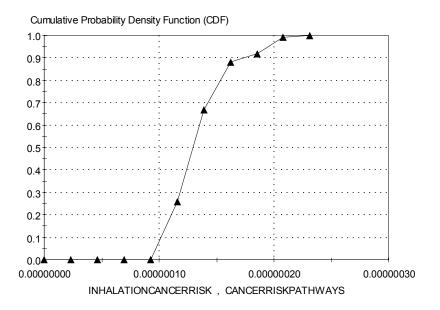
SIMULATION RESULTS GLC: concentrations for receptor 629 70 year (adult resident) Latin Hypercube Sampling (10 bins), 100 trials in 10 bins



SIMULATION RESULTS GLC: concentrations for receptor 629 30 year (adult resident) Latin Hypercube Sampling (10 bins), 100 trials in 10 bins

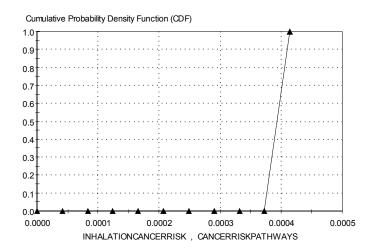


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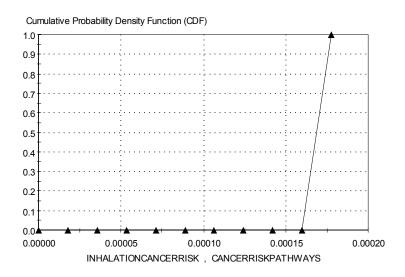


The following three tables below shows the cancer risk in cases per million for Ballpark Village from the background diesel PM emissions including the SDIV San Diego Yard.

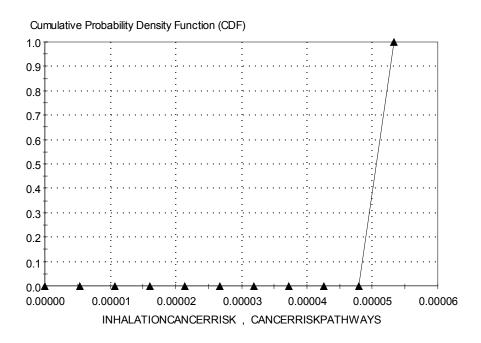
SIMULATION RESULTS GLC: Target GLCs set to unit values by HARP 70 year (adult resident) Latin Hypercube Sampling (10 bins), 1 trials in 10 bins



SIMULATION RESULTS GLC: Target GLCs set to unit values by HARP 30 year (adult resident) Latin Hypercube Sampling (10 bins), 1 trials in 10 bins



SIMULATION RESULTS GLC: Target GLCs set to unit values by HARP Latin Hypercube Sampling (10 bins), 1 trials in 10 bins



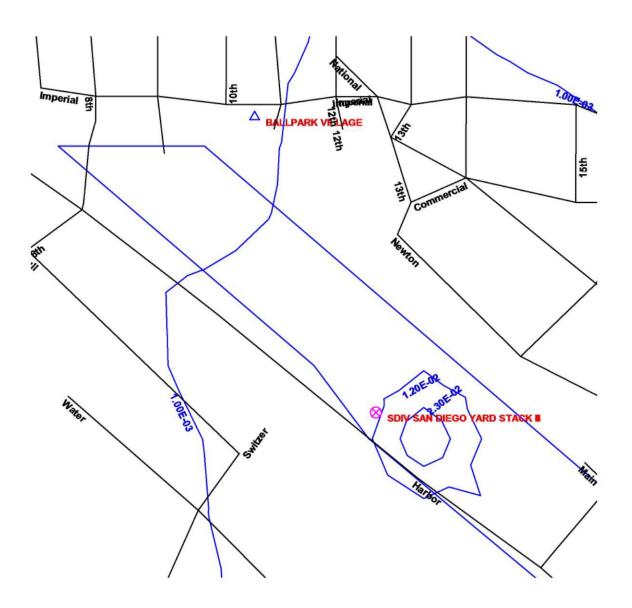
Non-Cancer Chronic Risk Assessment

The chronic health impact of inhalation of diesel PM is calculated to be 724 per million (7.24 E-04) for the immediate area of Ballpark Village.

The isopeths for non-cancer chronic health impact for the entire area surrounding the yard below:



This set of isopeths shows the area surrounding Ballpark Village in detail:



Conclusion

The impact of diesel PM emissions form the SDIV San Ysidro Yard appears to be minimal to the Ballpark village project. Advanced design features and proper placement of air intakes can further reduce this risk.

Additional analysis may be warranted for this project if any substantial changes occur in terms of design and location.

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APPENIDX A

DETEAILED EMISSONS DATA

SUMMARY FOR YEAR 2005 AIR TOXIS EMISSIONS DATA SYSTEM FAC-Chemicals: User Defined Chemical List 50/90/80

USER DEFINED

FACILITY SUMMARY - Chemicals: User Defined Chemical List

EMISSIONS (LBS/YR) [SEE NOTES 1,2, & 3] FSIC FACILITY NAME FACILITY LIST CO ZONE

326.250 4013 Diesel engi SDIV SAN DIEGO YARD 1501 NATIONAL AVE SAN DIEGO 92113 ZIP ADDRESS CITY 37 11 11112 SD 485.80030 SD 3618.4001 **DIS UTMN** AB UTME

92113

326.250

SUBTOTAL COUNTY 37

326.250 GRAND TOTALS: USER DEFINED FACILITIES LIST

50/90/80

AIR TOXIS EMISSIONS DATA SYSTEM SUMMARY FOR INVENTORY YEAR 2005

PROCESS SUMMARY

User-specified facility list from file: C:\HARP\SDIV.fac

(NOTE 1: emissions in LBS/YR for toxics, TONS/YR for criteria pollutants, CURRIES/YR for radionuclides)

FACILITY FACILITY NAME & ADDRESS

DEVICE SCC NAME 1 SIC SIC DESCRIPTION	SCC NAME 3 PRCESS DESC (REPORTED BY FAC)		SCC NAME 6 PROCESS UNITS (DITTO)	SCC NAME 8 CONF. PROCESS RATE DieselExhP	
SCC	SCC N	-	SCC N	SCC N	
DEVICE SCC					

28888803 INTERNLCOMBUSTION 4013 SWITCHNG, TERMINL ESTA 120.430 92113 SAN DIEGO 1000 HORSEPOWER-HOURS 1501 NATIONAL AVE FUGITIVE EMISSION IDLE NOT CLASSIFIED SDIV SAN DIEGO YARD 111112

OTHER

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OTHER

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APPENIDX B

DETEAILED RISK ASSESSMENT DATA 70 YEAR CANCER 70 YEAR CHRONIC HEALTH IMPACT BALLPARK VILLAGE

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Cancer Risk BALLPARK VILLAGE Health effect:

Receptor(s): Sources(s): Chemicals(s):

SITE PARAMETERS

DEPOSITION

Deposition rate (m/s) 0.05

DRINKING WATER

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FISH

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PASTURE

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HOME GROWN PRODUCE

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PIGS, CHICKENS AND EGGS

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DERMAL ABSORPTION

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SOIL INGESTION

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MOTHER'S MILK

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CHEMICAL CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE AND BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS CHEM CAS ABBREVIATION POLLUTANT NAME

DieselExhPM Diesel engine exhaust, particulate matter 0001 9901

BACKGROUND (ug/m^3) 0.000E+00

CANCER RISK REPORT

DOMINANT PATHWAYS, Receptor BALLPARK VILLAGE

EGG PIG VEG DAIRY BEEF CHICK CHEM INHAL DERM SOIL MOTHER FISH WATER

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Analysis method: Derived (OEHHA) Method

BALLPARK VILLAGE Chronic HI Health effect: Receptor(s):

All Sources(s): Chemicals(s):

SITE PARAMETERS

DEPOSITION

Deposition rate (m/s) 0.05

DRINKING WATER

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FISH

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CHEMICAL CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE AND BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS

ABBREVIATION POLLUTANT NAME CHEM CAS DieselExhPM Diesel engine exhaust, particulate matter 0001 9901

0.000E+00

BACKGROUND (ug/m^3)

CHRONIC HI REPORT

EGG PIG BEEF CHICK DOMINANT PATHWAYS, Receptor BALLPARK VILLAGE CHEM INHAL DERM SOIL MOTHER FISH WATER VEG DAIRY

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